Iowa Department of Natural Resources Natural Resource Commission

ITEM 23 DECISION

TOPIC Notice of Intended Action--Chapter 99, Wild Turkey Fall Hunting by Residents

The Commission is requested to approve this Notice to amend Chapter 99, Wild Turkey Fall Hunting by Residents. These amendments eliminate the state forest zones during the fall season which makes the regulations for the fall season consistent with the spring season. The amendments also add 200 licenses to Zone 5 in western Iowa.

Ken Herring Administrator Conservation and Recreation Division

Attachment

March 8, 2007

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5, the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 99, "Wild Turkey Fall Hunting by Residents," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments eliminate the state forest zones during the fall season which makes the regulations for the fall season consistent with the spring season. The amendments also add 200 licenses to Zone 5 in western Iowa.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before April 19, 2007. Written comments may be directed to the Wildlife Bureau's website at www.iowadnr.com or may be sent to the Wildlife Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515) 281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Wildlife Bureau at (515) 281-6156 or at the Wildlife Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building. Also, there will be public hearings held at 18 locations via the Iowa Communications Network on April 19, 2007. Interested persons should contact the department at 515-281-5918 for a list of hearing locations or go to the department's website at www.iowadnr.com. At the hearings, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearings, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and request specific accommodations.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48 and 483A.7.

The following amendment is proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 571--99.4(481A) as follows:

571-99.4(481A) Zones. Wild turkey may be taken with a combination shotgun-or-archery license only in the following zones:

99.4(1) Zone 1. Zone 1 is that portion of Stephens State Forest west of U.S. Highway 65 in Lucas and Clarke Counties.

99.4(2) Zone 2. Zone 2 is the Shimek State Forest in Lee and Van Buren Counties.

99.4(3) Zone 3. Zone 3 is that portion of the Yellow River State Forest in Allamakee County.

99.4(-4-1) Zone 4. Zone 4 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the north by Interstate Highway 80 and on the west by U.S. Highway 59.

99.4(5 <u>2</u>) Zone 5. Zone 5 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the east by U.S. Highway 59 and on the north by U.S. Highway 20.

99.4(6 <u>3</u>) Zone 6. Zone 6 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the south by Interstate Highway 80 and on the west by U.S. Highway 63.

99.4(7 <u>4</u>) Zone 7. Zone 7 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the north by U.S. Highway 20, on the west by U.S. Highway 59, on the south by Interstate Highway 80 and on the east by U.S. Highway 63.

99.4(8 <u>5</u>) Zone 8. Zone 8 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the south by U.S. Highway 20, on the east by U.S. Highway 63, and on the west by U.S. Highway 69.

99.4(9 <u>6</u>) Zone 9. Zone 9 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the south by U.S. Highway 20 and on the east by U.S. Highway 69.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 571--99.5(1)(481A) as follows:

571-99.5(481A) Quotas.

99.5(1) Combination shotgun-or-archery licenses. A limited number of paid combination shotgun-or-archery licenses will be issued by zone as follows:

- a. Zone 1. 50
- b. Zone 2. 50
- c. Zone 3. 50
- <u>d</u> <u>a</u>. Zone 4. 4,500
- e <u>b</u>. Zone 5. 500 <u>700</u>
- <u>f c</u>. Zone 6. 3,000
- g d. Zone 7. 400
- <u>h</u> <u>e</u>. Zone 8. 150
- if. Zone 9. 200

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